

MINUTES
JOINT MEETING
CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF LODI AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES,
LODI UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
TUESDAY, APRIL 25, 1989
7:30 P.M.
FINE ARTS BUILDING
125 SOUTH HUTCHINS STREET
LODI, CALIFORNIA

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The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by John Vatsula, President, Board of Trustees, Lodi Unified School District.

The following Council Members, Lodi Unified School District Board Members, Staff, and City of Lodi Parks and Recreation Commission members were in attendance:

Lodi City Council

John R. (Randy) Snider, Mayor
David M. Hinchman, Mayor Pro Tempore
Evelyn M. Olson, Council Member
James W. Pinkerton, Jr., Council Member
Fred M. Reid, Council Member

Lodi Unified School District Governing Board

John Vatsula, President
Floyd Dale, Vice President
Tom Bandelin, Clerk
Robert Ball, Board Member
Ann Johnston, Board Member
James Lynch, Board Member
Eleanor Todd, Board Member

City of Lodi Parks and Recreation Commissioners

Robert Johnson
Stephen Scott

City of Lodi Staff Members

Thomas A. Peterson, City Manager
Jerry L. Glenn, Assistant City Manager
Bobby W. McNatt, City Attorney
James B. Schroeder, Community Development Director
Charlene J. Lange, Community Center Director
Ron W. Williamson, Parks and Recreation Director
Scott L. Essin, Parks Superintendent
Jack L. Ronsko, Public Works Director
Larry Hansen, Police Captain
Alice M. Reimche, City Clerk

Lodi Unified School District Staff Members

Neil Schmidt, Superintendent
Don Shalvey, Assistant Superintendent, K-12 Education
Beverly Lacy, Coordinator Year-Round Education
Mamie Starr, Facility Planner
Joan Pipes, Business Manager
Len Fischer, Director of Maintenance and Operations
Joan Jensen, Administrative Assistant

Opening remarks were made by Board President Vatsula and Mayor Snider.

ITEMS OF DISCUSSIONa) General Effects of Year-Around Schools

Superintendent Neil Schmidt announced that, beginning this July, all students within the City of Lodi will be on year-around school.

Assistant Superintendent Don Shalvey talked about the school district's concern of having 4,000 to 5,000 students off-track at any one time working under the year-round school calendar.

Information was shared by Lodi Unified School District and City staff members regarding meetings that had been held concerning the subject in an effort to mitigate problems that will be encountered in the off-track time segments. City services, specifically its recreation programs which had taken advantage of school district swimming pools and dormant campuses during summer vacation, will be severely impacted.

The public library and its services will also be impacted.

1) Use of School Districts Swimming Pool

It was suggested that one of the trickiest issues is the use of the Tokay High School pool. The City of Lodi had paid half the cost of constructing the pool. In exchange for fronting half the cost, the City was allowed use of the pool for its instruction programs, public swimming, and use by city swim leagues. Many of the activities occur during the summer months.

With the school operating twelve months a year, the pool may be tied up from 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., daily. City programs may not be able to get underway until sometime after 3:30 p.m.

The time in the pool will be curtailed drastically according to Parks and Recreation Director Ron Williamson. Mr. Williamson further stated that Blakely Park will become the paramount pool for public swimming.

It was also pointed out that the City has not had use of the Lodi High School pool for two years because of renovations.

Members of the City Council indicated their displeasure on the limitations upon the City in using the Tokay High pool and indicated that they felt that, in view of the fact that the City had contributed 50% towards its construction, the City was entitled to being able to use it for City programs earlier than 5:30 p.m.

Board President Vatsula indicated that school district staff will be directed to negotiate with City staff regarding use of the pools.

(2) Future of Camp Hutchins

Parks and Recreation Director Williamson reported that Camp Hutchins is doing well and is operating at its maximum of 30 students. City officials indicated that the program will continue but will probably not be expanded due to a lack of facilities.

(3) Recreation Programming

A discussion regarding recreation programming followed. Representatives of the school district were asked if funding for such programs would be available.

Mayor Pro Tempore Hinchman expressed his concern that recreational programs be initiated right away for off-track teenagers.

School District officials indicated that initiating cross tracking programs was being looked at.

In response to Council Member Olson's inquiry of school transportation availability to off-track students, school district representatives indicated they were looking into the matter as well.

Following an inquiry by Council Member Reid, discussion followed regarding the possibility of lighting some of the school's playing fields.

Board President Vatsula asked if the City would have any clout in asking legislators to help in obtaining assistance for costs needed for the transition to year-around-school and the increased costs to be incurred by the City under this new schedule. City Manager Peterson indicated that it has been the City's experience that legislators are not sympathetic to cities and indicated that schools at least have a direct tie to the state.

b) Lodi Lake Nature Area Programs

Following introduction of the subject of the Lodi Lake Nature Area, Assistant Superintendent Don Shalvey indicated the he felt this was a real success story of a city and school district joint effort.

Dave Mende and his committee, the docents and all those involved in the Lodi Lake Nature Area Program, were applauded for their efforts in this program.

Representatives of the City urged that this program not be cut.

c) Joint Use Agreement

An update on the status of the Joint Use Agreement was given by the districts business manager, Joan Pipes. Following discussion with questions being directed to Lodi Unified School District and City Staff, City Attorney McNatt indicated that a draft document would be available in about three weeks. Mr. McNatt also indicated that it would be a pretty comprehensive document.

Board Member Ann Johnson expressed her concern of the bumping of the City for use of school facilities and indicated that perhaps all school administrators were not aware of the Joint Use Agreement.

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A recess was called at 8:45 p.m. and the meeting was reconvened at 8:55 p.m.

d) School Sites

Facility Planner Mamie Starr gave a presentation regarding school sites. Ms. Starr indicated that presently Lodi Unified School District has 22,400 students. It is projected that there will be 34,000 students by the year 2000 and 54,000 by the year 2010.

A report indicating planned facilities to the year 2000 was presented by Ms. Starr who then responded to questions as were posed by representatives of both entities.

e) Mello-Roos Election

Ms. Starr reported that the Lodi Unified School District is preparing for a Mello-Roos district-wide election on September 19, 1989 for \$80,000,000 in construction bonds. This will require a 2/3 majority vote for passage.

Ms. Starr and other school district representatives then responded to questions regarding the Mello-Roos election.

Questions regarding the difference between the bedroom tax and the current method of collecting impaction fees was also addressed by Ms. Starr.

Community Development Director Schroeder gave an update on the Measure A decision and the cities proposed 2% growth rate.

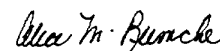
Parks and Recreation Commissioner Bob Johnson asked if the Mello-Roos election is successful, could part of the funds be used to replace the Hale Park facilities under a joint use program.

Following an inquiry by Council Member Pinkerton, Ms. Starr gave a breakdown on the additional costs there would be in the various categories, if the Mello-Roos election is successful.

Following an inquiry by Council Member Hinchman, Police Captain Larry Hansen gave an update on the anti-drug programs currently being presented in Lodi schools.

There being no further business, Mayor Snider adjourned the City Council at 9:45 p.m.

Attest:



Alice M. Reimche
City Clerk